

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1971 - SB 1930

February 18, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to establish and administer a grant program to assist new mothers by allocating and dispersing funds to community-based, not-for-profit organizations located in the 25 counties with the highest rates of infant and maternal mortality.

FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$29,253,600/FY22-23
\$29,239,200/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation requires DOH to use existing staff to assist in the implementation of the program. However, it is currently not possible to complete all the required provisions with existing personnel.
- Therefore, DOH will require three additional staff positions to provide oversight and administration to the grants, and to be responsible for the selection of community agencies and the assurance of fiscal accountability. The positions would be as follows:
 - One Administrative Services Assistant would be required, which would create a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$48,360 (\$35,532 salary + \$12,828 benefits) and an administrative cost allocation of \$7,900 in FY22-23 and subsequent years, and a one-time expenditure of \$4,800 for computer and supplies;
 - One Public Health Program Director 2 would be required, which would create a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$71,211 (\$55,128 salary + \$16,083 benefits) and an administrative cost allocation of \$7,900 in FY22-23 and subsequent years, and a one-time expenditure of \$4,800 for computer and supplies; and
 - One Public Health Program Director 3 would be required, which would create a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$95,923 (\$76,320 salary + \$19,603 benefits) and an administrative cost allocation of \$7,900 in FY22-23 and subsequent years, and a one-time expenditure of \$4,800 for computer and supplies.
- The total increase in expenditures associated with new positions is \$239,194 [\$48,360 + \$71,211 + \$95,923 + (\$7,900 x 3)] in FY22-23 and subsequent years, and a one-time cost of \$14,400 (\$4,800 x 3) for computer equipment in FY22-23.

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- The proposed grant program would cover an estimated 100 children per county, with a total of 2,500 (100 children x 25 counties) children, approximately 3 percent of the state's yearly births.
- The estimated expenditure associated with providing daycare vouchers would be approximately \$8,000 per year per child, or \$20,000,000 (\$8,000 x 2,500) in FY22-23 and subsequent years.
- The estimated expenditure associated with providing monetary assistance to new mothers would be approximately \$300 per child per month, or \$9,000,000 (\$300 x 2,500 x 12) in FY22-23 and subsequent years.
- The total increase in state expenditures associated with proposed legislation is estimated to be \$29,253,594 (\$239,194 + \$14,400 + \$20,000,000 + \$9,000,000) in FY22-23, and \$29,239,194 (\$239,194 + \$20,000,000 + \$9,000,000) in FY23-24 and subsequent years.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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